Disposal of hospital waste

2247. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Government has evolved stringent guidelines to check disposal of untreated bio-medical waste by hospitals and clinics in the capital; and

(b) if so, the details of these guidelines and how many hospitals/ clinics have been punished for violation of these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the Delhi Government is following the Bio-medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998, notified by Ministry of Environment and Forests for the safe disposal of Bio-medical Wastes. Till date, no hospital/clinic has been punished for violation of the Rules.

Supply of inferior quality surgical dressings to Delhi Hospitals

2248. SHRI ABANI ROY: Wil1 the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 691, given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government Hospitals, Safdarjung Hospitals and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi, have suffered losses worth lakhs of rupees during one year due to supply of inferior quality surgical dressings;

(b) the names of members of the Joint Purchase Committee who have received kickbacks;

(c) whether Government propose to suspend the Joint Purchase Committee and transfer the MSs of both the Hospitals;

(b) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) Central Bureau of Investigation has informed that they have registered two cases against the two firms and some officials of Safdarjung Hospital. The cases are still under investigation of Central Bureau of Investigation. The extent of loss and other details including persons responsible can be assessed only after the probe is completed. Further action in this matter, if any, will be taken after receipt of the Report of Central Bureau of Investigation.

Liability for sterilisation operations

2249. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to file a revision petition in the Supreme Court against its recent judgement which fixed responsibility on doctors for the success of failure of sterilisation operations; and

(b) if so, Government's stand on doctors' liability as well as rightful compensation due to victims for wrongful surgery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Government is studying the judgement and various representations received from State Governments to take a view in the matter.

Controlling Depression

2250. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Depression Ka Kaher", published in the Nav Bharat Times dated 22nd June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether doctors warned in a seminar that depression is second fatal disease in the century after heart attack;

(c) the reasons of being prey to this disease;

(d) the evils of depression; and